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## **APPROVED 11-8-17**

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### **Division Meeting Minutes September 11, 2017, 5:15 p.m. Imholte Hall 109**

**Faculty in Attendance:** Joseph Beaver, Cyrus Bina, Sheri Breen, Dave Brown, Emily Bruce, Steve Burks, Rebecca Dean, Jennifer Deane, Deb Economou, Farah Gilanshah, Roland Guyotte, Marissa Holst, Tom Johnson, Seung-Ho Joo, Arne Kildegaard (Chair), Tim Lindberg, Clement Loo, Leslie Meek, Kerry Michael, Heather Peters, Roger Rose, and Kevin Whalen,

**Faculty Not in Attendance:** Satis Devkota, Steve Gross, Elliot James, Jacob Jurss, Bibhudutta Panda, Jennifer Rothchild, Cheryl Stewart, Dennis Stewart, Ralph Woehle, and Lauri Wyum

**Student Representatives in Attendance:** Noah Pilugin, Michael Cagle, Rub DeBellis, Ellen Hoke

**Student Representatives Not in Attendance:** Olivia Anderson (class)

**Faculty on Leave:** Oscar Baldelomar (fall leave), Ed Brands (sabbatical), Bart Finzel (administrative leave), Solomon Gashaw (fall leave), Ben Narvaez (fall SSL leave), Nina Ortiz (IAS fall leave)

Arne Kildegaard called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

#### **Announcements and updates**

- The newly elected 2017-18 Student Representatives introduced themselves.

#### **Old Business**

- The meeting minutes from August 17, 2017 were unanimously approved. Motioned by Cyrus Bina, and seconded by Clement Loo.

#### **Guest**

- **Athena Kildegaard, as the new Honor's Program Director**

Athena encourages faculty to urge first-year "standout" to pursue the honors program. She also encouraged faculty to seriously consider teaching an honors course. When asked, she clarified that if co-teaching an honors course, both professors get the full number of credits for teaching the course (team teaching a 2 credit course provides both professor 2 credits toward their annual teaching load). She also announced they are considering holding post-event discussions with honors students after events such as Driggs Lecture.

#### **Curriculum approvals**

- The following new courses were unanimously approved as a batch for Regular Approval:
  1. Econ 4201 - Foundations of Microeconomics Theory. Also needs Provisional Approval, as it will be offered Spring 2018. This course will only be offered periodically thereafter.

2. IS 2039 – Understanding Cuba. Will be offered starting January 2019. This course is being created by Sheri Breen and Ben Narvaez, and set up in such a way that after their original session, the course can be taught by other professors, and tailored to their discipline. The course still needs final approval from the study abroad team.
  3. Psy 3581 – Psychopharmacology. Will be offered Spring 2019. This is a “continuation” of Psy 2581, Drugs and Human Behavior.
- Course revisions, requested Regular Approval, but will also need Provisional Approval due to timing (courses to be taught Spring 2018). All were unanimously approved as a batch.
    1. Anth 2501 – Medical Anthropology, an Overview (reactivate, change credits, course description). Julie used to teach both courses but was deactivated after she left, and now being reactivated. Changing credits (from 4 to 2) allows for more elective courses.
    2. Anth 3402 – Representations from the Field: American Indian Ethnography and Ethnohistory (reactivate Anth portion of double listed course with Hist). Julie used to teach both courses but was deactivated after she left, and now being reactivated.
    3. Econ 3173 – Health Care Economics (previously known as Mgmt 3703)
    4. Hist 2451 – The American West (change course description). The course description is being “tweaked” to add focus on indigenous studies.
    5. Mgmt 3151 - Human Resources Management I (change prereq). Changing prereq to Stats from accounting as Stats is more applicable.
    6. Psy 3314 – Child and Adolescent Psychopathology (activate course). Nick Leonard used to teach it but after several years without him, it was deactivated. It can be reactivated now with Marissa Holst able to teach it.
  - Other Course revisions – Both were unanimously approved as a batch.
    1. Psy 2402 – Family Interaction Dynamics. Marissa Holst introduced Psy 2402 and is teaching it right now with provisional approval. Requesting Regular Approval in order to offer it again in Fall 2018.
    2. Psy 4940 – Advanced Seminar in Developmental Psychology (to be offered Fall 2018). Leslie explained in Oscar’s absence that Oscars is requesting Psy 3404 be added as a prereq.
  - Batch proposal to add Engl 1601 as a prerequisite to select Econ and Mgmt courses. Steve Burks explained that many upper level management and economics courses require writing assignments, for which the skills developed in WLA are presupposed; adding Engl 1601 is a signal to students that there is a writing component to these courses. He has consulted with Judy Korn, and she verified this would limit very few students from taking these courses. Cyrus Bina asked to have his Political Economy course (Econ 3009) added to the list\*. Comments from others included: 1) No other discipline on campus is going this route of adding WLA as a prereq to courses, 2) if transfer students have WLA waived, they have met the prereq, 3) and one comment that that this may disadvantaged students from marginalized backgrounds, 4) the registrar’s office should be able to take care of any problems that may arise, and 5) this is likely to generate discussion at curriculum committee. Courses to which Engl 1601 is to be added as a prereq:
    1. Mgmt 3141 Business Law I

2. Mgmt 3151 Human Resources Mgmt I
3. Mgmt 3221 Management and Organization Theory
4. Mgmt 3601 Transnational Enterprise
5. Political Economy
6. Econ 3004 Experimental & Behavioral Economics I
7. Econ 3009 Political Economy \*
8. Econ 3113 Money & Banking
9. Econ 3141 Economic Development and Growth I
10. Econ 3221 Public Economics I
11. Econ 3501 Econometrics
12. Econ 4141 Empirics of Economic Growth
13. Econ 4201 Foundations of Microeconomics

Approved by a margin of 13 are in favor, 9 opposed, 1 abstention.

### **Other Business**

- As a member of the Institutional Review Board (IRB), Roger Rose reported anyone doing research that requires IRB approval should expect changes. There is a whole new system with additional regulations. The good new is that IRS now compensates its student and faculty board. Once the funds get to the Morris campus, it will be split between the faculty member's discipline and a research account. Showing a raise of hands, six faculty from Social Science could possibly be doing IRB research in the future.
- Earlier today a message came from administration (Sandy Olson-Loy) regarding listservs and listserv protocol. As a way to improve communications to students, the elimination of the *ummstudents* listserv was announced. Revisions and protocols have been added to the *ummoofficial* listserv, as well as encouragement to use the Weekly Bulletin, Campus Events Calendar and the Campus Connection site.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.